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City's first 'Public-Private-Partnership' COVID Hospital opens on KRS Road

Automotive Axles-Kalyani Meritor, Gopala Gowda Hospital and Ashakirana Charitable Trust partner with District Administration

A front and inside view of Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital on KRS Road which is now a COVID Hospital.

Mysuru, May 20 (BCT)- At a time when no District Hospital in Karnataka runs on a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model at present and there is a history of failed PPP arrangements in running Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Mysuru has achieved the distinction of opening the first COVID healthcare unit at Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital, located on KRS Road behind Trauma Care Centre.

The District Administration had some time back announced that this Super-Speciality Hospital with 220 beds will be converted into a COVID Hospital. Joining hands with the Government (Mysore Medical College and Research Institute) in this first Private-Public Joint Venture is Automotive Axles-Kalyani Meritor HVS India (P) Ltd. that is sponsoring medical and critical care equipment, Ashakirana Charitable Trust and Gopal Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital that are jointly providing medical care facilities and manpower, logistic supplies management and also overall management of the healthcare unit.

(See HOSPITAL on page 6)

Five leopards sighted

Cage with bait placed to trap the felines in BEML premises

Mysuru, May 20 (UNI)- A leopard with four cubs — all presumed to be sub-adults — were sighted on the BEML factory premises on the outskirts of the city on Tuesday night and a video showing them prowling near the compound is doing rounds on social media.

A voice in the background is heard confirming the presence of the leopards. A few moments later, one of the leopards springs up to sit on the compound wall and jumps back into the bushes, going out of sight.

A senior BEML employee, who confirmed the authenticity of the video, said the animals were sighted by the guards on night patrol when the third shift was on and they took a video of it. When contacted, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar said that he also came to know of it only late on Wednesday evening through media inquiries and he would speak to the BEML authorities and initiate further action.

However, he pointed out that leopard sightings in the BEML Complex is common and whenever there was a complaint and its presence confirmed, the Forest Department had placed cages to trap the animal and release it back into the wild. But, it is for the first time that as many as five leopards were sighted, indicating the adaptability of the spotted cat to the industrial complex.

BEML sources said that a permanent cage to trap leopards was present in the premises and added that the staff have been trained to trap leopards in the cage. Sources further said that three leopards have been trapped earlier and added that the cage with a bait has been placed to trap the leopards now.

BEML Mysuru Complex is spread over more than 450 acres and there is a testing track surrounded by dense vegetation including giant trees where the leopards tend to find a safe haven.

None of the employees venture to the testing track side and all activities are near the manufacturing complex, and the leopards avoid it. Though leopards have been caged and released back into the wild from BEML Complex in the past, the space tends to be occupied by other leopards and they thrive on stray dogs and cattle besides poultry waste dumped on the outskirts of the city.

16 COVID Care Centres shut

SOPs not followed; some of them indulged in money-making activity: MLA Ramdas

Mysuru, May 20 (RK,RKB& BCT)- At a time when the city needs more and more infrastructure to handle multiplying virus infections, the District Administration has decided to close down 16 COVID Care Centres set up in all the three Assembly Constituencies — Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamaraja.

At a meeting of City Advisory Task Force held yesterday, Chairman MLA S.A. Ramdas urged the Government to close these centres following complaints of not having infrastructure and also medical assistance. He has written to District Minister S.T. Somashekar in this regard and the meeting decided to wind up 16 such COVID Care Centres.

The order to this effect was issued this morning by District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath who said that all the 16 COVID Care Centres would be closed with immediate effect.

Ramdas *Dr. Amarnath*

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Amarnath said that these COVID Care Centres were not following the protocols issued by the Government and some of them do not have the basic facilities like sanitisation and hygiene. "Many of them do not have doctors as prescribed by the Government and no specialist visits the units. There are no support staff and cleaning personnel and basic medical infrastructure. The money for such COVID Care Centre is provided by the Government and there has to be some accountability," he added.

(See CENTRES on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 20th May 2021

Cong. urges Govt. to provide more relief package to people

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, May 20 (UNI)- Former Karnataka Chief Minister and Opposition Leader in the State Legislative Assembly Siddharamaiah has expressed resentment over the meagre financial relief package announced by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

Addressing newsmen here on Wednesday, the Congress leader lamented that the Rs. 1,250 crore financial package announced by the Chief Minister is nothing but misleading and an attempt of 'eye wash'.

Stating that the people of several sections of the society had been pushed to more difficulties following the announcement of the 'lock-down' by the State Government, the former CM urged the CM to disburse Rs. 10,000 each to the families of the working classes, including auto drivers, street vendors and others.

He also urged the CM to take measures to distribute 10 kg of rice to each member of all sections of the society, free, through PDS.

He said that compared to the neighbouring State Governments measures to reach out to the poorer sections of the society including in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh the financial package announced by the Chief Minister is 'too little.'

Expressing severe concern over the increasing number of COVID-19 fresh cases in the State, the former CM has charged that the State Government has reduced the tests, to play down the numbers.

He also urged the State Government to take measures to step up the vaccination programme, even going to the extent of importing the vaccine from outside. It may be recalled that the Chief Minister, earlier in the day had announced a financial package of Rs. 1,250 crore including Rs. 3,000 to be payable to auto drivers, as a relief measure to the poorer sections in the State.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

At a moment when we need a leader we can identify with, his appearance suggests he's become a different person. He has a right to grow a beard but is he aware to many it suggests retreat and withdrawal? When we need a warrior, we see instead a Himalayan sage. Now, I know I'm only reflecting my personal views but what else can an individual express? I can't pretend to speak for others and yet I don't believe I'm a lone voice either. We know things have gone horribly wrong. We know putting them right won't be easy. In fact, it will be tortuous. But we'll only believe we can do it when our government speaks honestly to us. That's why communication is so important. Alongside that we need the PM to rekindle hope and resolve. That's why he must find his voice again. What truly perplexes me is our PM's silence. Without doubt, he's the best communicator we have. He's capable of heights of oratory and has a gift for capturing the mood of the country. Today, when we are shaken, depressed and some are even losing hope, we need him to give us strength and courage, vision and determination. But he has nothing to say. Indeed, he's not just silent, he's almost invisible. —Karan Thapar in Hindustan Times

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bird turns into umbrella to hunt fish

Nairobi: Black egrets, a species of African herons, have a very unique hunting technique — they use their wings to from an umbrella, which not only reduces glare, but also lures fish into false sense of security.

Called "canopy feeding", the hunting technique used by black herons has to be one of the sneakiest observed in the wild. The black wading bird walks about slowly through shallow water and then spreads its wings around its body, to create an umbrella of sorts that blocks out the light. Although it's not perfectly clear why the African heron uses this specific technique, scientists hypothesize that it has several advantages, like reducing glare and attracting the fish into a trap.

One commonly accepted theory is that small fish looking for a place to hide from predators like the African heron are attracted to the shade created by the heron's wings, so they technically rush towards their death. And because the shade gives the bird a better view of its victim, it can easily snatch it out of the water with its long beak.

Granny has run over 100 marathons

Beijing: A 70-year-old woman has been dubbed "Super Grannie" after it was revealed that she is an avid runner, with over 100 marathons completed in the last two decades.

Most people choose to take it easy after they retire, but Liaoning-based Wang Lang is definitely not one of them. She started running at the age of 50, but realised it was her passion. She ran her first marathon in 2004 and hasn't stopped since, racking over 100 completed marathons under her belt. From 2005 to 2017 she completed the annual Beijing Marathon thirteen times and this year she set a new record, becoming the oldest person to ever complete the 168-kilometer Liaoning marathon, within some 40 hours.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How can I Stay healthy during the pandemic? Focus on your nutritional health. Stay within your calorie needs, opt for fresh fruits and vegetables instead of oily snacks, know your limit on fat, sugar & salt content, drink 10-12 glasses of water. Exercise at least for 30-45mins a day.

By Kavya J. - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Anxiety and worry can cause blood pressure to spike. For some, a trip to the doctor can send blood pressure through the roof. This common condition is called "White coat hypertension," referring to the doctor's scary white coat.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 18	MAY 19
Day's Positive Cases	1,916	1,730
Total Positive Cases	1,16,023	1,17,753
Day's Discharges	1,976	1,809
Total Discharges	1,00,645	1,02,454
Day's Deaths	13	14
Total Deaths	1,423	1,437
Total Active Cases	13,955	13,862

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ramdas thanks CM for releasing funds for COVID medicines

Mysuru, May 20 (MK&DM)- KR Constituency MLA S. A. Ramdas has written a letter to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Finance and Health Department officials, thanking them for releasing funds for purchase of medicines for COVID patients in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts.

Ramdas said that he visited the KSMSCL (Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited) depot and the Health & Family Welfare Department Office in the city on May 13, when he found that there was shortage of COVID medicines.

Later, he wrote to the CM to take appropriate measures for sufficient medicine supplies, following which the CM spoke to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner.

The CM also directed the Additional Chief Secretaries of Finance and Health Departments to take necessary measures for medicine supplies.

Later, following oral instructions from the DC, the Health and Family Welfare Department officials wrote to the Additional Chief Secretary of Health seeking immediate release of Rs. 50 lakh for purchase of medicines. Now, the Department has taken measures for releasing funds for purchase of COVID medicines, he said.

REALLY...?

- *Steel is roughly 1,000 times stronger than iron in its purest form, and it can be recycled without loss of strength.*
- *In Russia, there is a mountain made almost entirely of iron ore.*
- *Steel's first major demand came from the railroads.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Santa and Banta are walking on a road, and they find a 1,000 rupee note lying down.

Santa: *What should we do now?*

Banta: *We'll take 50:50.*

Santa: *What about the remaining 900?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.51
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.23
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.91
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.10

VOICE OF THE READER

Appeal to CESC authorities

Sir,

At the crossing of 12th Main and 3rd Cross Saraswathipuram, electric wire from the pole runs to connect the house *(see picture)*. Every time there is violent shaking either due to wind or passing of a heavy vehicle, sparks come out due to rubbing of tree branch against the wire.

Several complaints have been made to CESC and till now no action has been taken. It is hoped that they will move in the matter to cut the branches so that any untoward happenings are averted.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
10.5.2021

MMC&RI to recruit doctors and nursing staff

Direct interview on May 24

Mysuru, May 20- The Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) will be recruiting doctors and nursing staff for COVID treatment at the new Super Speciality Hospital, Trauma Care Centre, PKTB and ED Hospitals through a direct interview to take place on May 24.

The appointments will be purely on contract basis for a period ranging from 3 to 6 months. The appointment will be made to 18 posts of Senior Resident (Medicine), with qualification of M.D. in General Medicine, 14 posts of Senior Resident (Pulmonology), with qualification of M.D. in Pulmonary Medicine, 22 posts of Senior Resident (Anaesthesia), with qualification of M.D. in Anaesthesiology, 29 posts of Junior Resident with qualification of MBBS and 159 posts of Nursing Officers, with qualification of GNA or B.Sc (Nursing).

The qualified candidates can appear for a direct interview at MMC&RI at 10.30 am on May 24. The candidates are required to carry their original documents and photo copies of the same, according to a press release from MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj.

Obituary

Chikkathayamma

Mysuru, May 20- Chikkathayamma, wife of late Golinayaka and a resident of Sunnadakeri in K.R. Mohalla, passed away on May 11 in city.

She leaves behind two sons, four daughters, sons-in-law including Vidyaranyapuram Inspector Manjunath and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held in city.

B.A. Lakshmegowda

B.A. Lakshmegowda (82), retired teacher and a resident of KHB Colony in Hootagalli, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind two sons including VVWW Assistant Engineer B.L. Girish, one daughter, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at his native place Boganahalli, Ravandur hobli in Periyapatna taluk this afternoon.

Sannuvanda Srinivas Chengappa

Virajpet: Sannuvanda Srinivas Chengappa (60), President of Virajpet Taluk Journalists Association and a resident of Thithimathi, passed away this morning at a hospital following brief illness. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Thithimathi today.

'Ecomuseology is need of the hour'

Prof. Galla delivering International Museum Day lecture.

Mysuru, May 20 (SSV)- To mark International Museum Day (IMD) on May 18, Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Southern Regional Centre, Manav Bhawan, Bogadi 2nd Stage, Mysuru, in collaboration with UNESCO on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development, had organised a lecture by Prof. Amareswar Galla, UNESCO Chair, on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development.

The International Council of Museums (ICOMs) had designated the theme for IMD-2021 as *'The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine.'* AnSI aimed to focus on how best it can assist museums during and after the pandemic. Museums, as civic spaces, irrespective of their purpose or specialism, cultural or natural, have to address their relevance and ability to work with community groups.

AnSI is cognisant of the huge impact of the current pandemic on museums and their stakeholder communities. According to UNESCO and ICOM reports, in the past year the financial viability of museums has been challenged. Revenues of museums had been reduced all over the world by 60 to 70 percent. Nearly, a third of the small museums have been closed and thousands of people have lost jobs.

As most of the people working in the informal economy have lost their livelihoods, AnSI is convinced that new methods and modalities of museums need to be adopted. Ecomuseology, a methodology to bring people and their heritage together through community and local museums, needs to be promoted.

Prof. Galla, globally renowned for his demonstrated ability to promote the establishment of Ecomuseums and job creation, emphasised that "More of the same museums will not do. The rapid use of digital affordances during the pandemic has transformed the future of museums into a blended reality with both the virtual and real ways of engagement woven together seamlessly. The ethics of engagement have new challenges and consequences. AnSI could make a difference as the leading agency for participatory research and community engagement in India."

Gouri Basu, Director of AnSI, said "The pandemic has exposed further the digital divide and the need is to ensure no one is left behind in representing their multiple voices. The most vulnerable communities such as indigenous tribal communities need to be prioritised in responsible museums development to protect their cultural rights and contribute to their livelihoods."

AnSI is keen that the IMD becomes a critical agency for advocacy for museum development. It also believes that the future of museums with responsible and ethical community engagement is non-negotiable.

New guidelines on vaccinating

COVID-recovered patients released

New Delhi, May 20 (SSV)- The Union Health Ministry has accepted new recommendations of The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) on administering vaccine for COVID-infected people.

Accordingly, COVID-19 vaccination is to be deferred by three months after recovery from the illness. If infected with COVID after 1st dose, 2nd dose to be deferred by 3 months after clinical recovery from COVID-19 illness. These recommendations have been based on the evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic and emerging global scientific evidence and experience.

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has accepted these recommendations and has communicated these to the States and UTs also.

Individuals having lab test proven SARS-2 COVID-19 illness: COVID-19 vaccination to be deferred by 3 months after recovery.

SARS-2 COVID-19 patients who have been given anti-SARS-2 monoclonal antibodies or convalescent plasma: COVID-19 vaccination to be deferred by 3 months from the date of discharge from hospital.

Individuals who have received at least the 1st dose and got COVID-19 infection before completion of the dosing schedule: The 2nd dose should be deferred by 3 months after clinical recovery from COVID-19 illness.

Persons with any other serious general illness requiring hospitalisation or ICU care should also wait for 4-8 weeks before getting the COVID-19 vaccine.

Blood donation

An individual can donate blood after 14 days of either receipt of COVID-19 vaccine or testing RT-PCR negative, if suffering from COVID-19 disease.

The good news has been that COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all lactating women. However, regarding vaccinating pregnant women, the matter is under discussion and further deliberation by the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI).

But, there is no requirement for screening of the vaccine recipients by Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) prior to COVID vaccination.

The Union Health Ministry has written to States and UTs to direct the concerned officials to take note of these recommendations and undertake necessary action for their effective implementation.

States have been advised to ensure effective dissemination of the information to service provides as well as the general public. Besides, they have also been advised to undertake training of the vaccination staff at all levels.

NEWS BRIEFS

Merchants Co-op. Bank's business hours changed

The transaction hours at The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank in city has been changed with immediate effect due to COIVD lockdown. As per the changed timings, the customers can do cash transactions between 8 am and 1 pm on all working days. The 8 am to 1 pm business hours is applicable at the Bank's Central Office in Santhepet and also in Branch Offices at Bandipalya and Hebbal.

Phone-in programme

The Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department has organised a phone-in programme in regard to COVID-19 pandemic on May 21 from 11 am to 12 noon. The purpose of this programme is to give information to the STs on medical advise, assistance and health services in the wake of pandemic. This programme will be held at the Office of Project Co-ordinator, Integrated Tribal Development Project. Interested may contact Ph: 0821-2427140 for redressal of their problems.

Free online ENT consultation

Dr. B.A. Rajiv, ENT Surgeon, will be giving free consultation on all queries related to COVID-19 management and also free online ENT consultation from 10 am to 1 pm and 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Interested may call Mob: 99807-57254.

PU Dept. issues fresh instructions

In the wake of rapid spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Pre-University Education has instructed the Principals of all PU Colleges in the district to conduct exam for First PU students (2020-21) through a model question paper for promoting them and to start online classes for second PU students.

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Yesterday	:	2263.52	feet
Inflow	:	2,484	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,821.89	feet
Inflow	:	192	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Seva Bharati team volunteers to perform last rites in Kodagu

Giving a dignified closure to unclaimed, untouched bodies

Bharat Machaiah Navneeth Ponnetti

Kushalnagar, May 20 (Raghu& BCT)-COVID-19 is a lonely disease where last rites have become a tragic, solitary affair. At times, families who have lost their loved ones to the contagion are reluctant to perform the final rites and even refuse to claim the bodies of their kin.

That's where volunteers of the Seva Bharati organisation in Kushalnagar, Kodagu, come in, treating these unclaimed bodies as more than a name tag, a body bag or a cadaver and giving them a dignified farewell. The worst of times have brought out the best among people, as these unsung heroes quietly perform last rites without compromising on rituals, such as the faith of the deceased.

The pandemic has wreaked havoc on Kodagu and given the spread of the virus, family members are wary of performing the last rites of their loved ones, and are relying on the kindness of these volunteers. Every day, around 18 volunteers are busy performing the last rites of those who succumbed to COVID-19. Kodagu has seen over 204 deaths so far due to the virus.

"A man had died after contracting COVID-19 last year and his family was not aware of the protocol. Those were the early days when the caseload was manageable. "Nobody came forward to do the final rites of the deceased person. It was then that we decided to step in and perform the last rites ourselves. This is where we have started and we have been continuing this work even now, during the second wave where the death rate has spiked," said advocate from Harangi **Bharat Machaiah,** who leads the Seva Bharati team.

58 bodies cremated so far

"We have so far cremated 58 bodies in the second wave alone and the numbers keep growing by the day. It is heart-breaking as families refuse to perform the last rites of their loved one who has passed away. We have performed the last rites of people belonging to all communities with the sole intention of giving them a dignified send-off," he said.

The volunteers do not charge a single rupee from the family of the deceased and perform all the tasks free of cost. Their contact numbers are circulating across the hospitals and crematoriums and they are continuously getting calls from families. Hospital and crematoriums are also approaching them.

The Seva Bharati volunteers have been carrying out the last rites as per the religious practices of the deceased, by following all precautionary measures suggested by the Government and World Health Organisation and they get their PPE kits from the Government.

Alert round-the-clock

The team of dedicated workers is on alert round-the-clock and as soon as they receive information on the need to perform last rites, they reach the spot and begin preparations. Not only Madikeri, the team goes anywhere in the district if they get a call and perform the last rites — distance and terrain do not matter here. Before conducting the rituals, the deceased's family members are consulted to know about the rituals as per their religion and caste.

Along with Bharat Machaiah, the other team members who are doing this noble deed are Navneeth Ponnetti, Rajiv, Dinesh, K.K. Janardhan, Ranjit, P.K. Raghu, Tanmay, Sandeep, Roopesh, Prashanth, Nuthan, Nandan, Akshay, Manjunath, Vinu and Shivaram. "Some relatives do not come even for immersion of ashes. They are scared despite we all knowing that the virus dies in fire. We also perform the last rituals like immersion of ashes where rivers meet after the body is burnt," Bharat Machaiah said.

"Cremating the dead while wearing PPE suits is difficult especially when the temperatures are rising but the courage and inspiration to offer service comes from within and there is a supernatural power guiding us," said a volunteer. "We have had to face quite a bit of opposition from our families initially. We have had a hard time making them understand that we are taking all precautions. Even our families are worried about our safety. Now they have started recognising our work and they appreciate our tireless service," he said.

Journalists also pitch in

Apart from doing their routine job in media, a group of journalists performed the last rites of an elderly man who died of COVID-19. Reporters associated with 'Madhyama Spandana' that was formed for COVID relief works got a call from a remote village near Parane as local villagers were reluctant to help the victim's family perform the last rites.

The team comprising **Rejith Kumar Guyya, Pappu Thimmaiah, Praveen and Anish and another person Shareen** rushed to the village after collecting PPE kits from Siddapura Panchayat and performed the last rites as per the family tradition.

The house was located at a hilly terrain and this did not deter the journalists.

The reporters said that they helped poor people get beds in hospitals and supplied food kits, medicines and other essentials to the needy after spending from their own pockets.

This is for the first time that they performed the last rites of a COVID victim.

Madikeri Doctor suspended for graft

Madikeri, May 20- A Doctor at Kodagu District Hospital in Madikeri has been suspended for accepting bribe from a patient for treating COVID. Soon as a video showing Dr. Shivakumar, a Doctor at Kodagu District Hospital accepting bribe from a patient went viral, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Charulatha Somal suspended him on charges of graft.

An elderly man from Siddapura , who was infected with COVID, got admitted to District COVID Hospital at Madikeri a couple of days ago. Dr. Shivakumar is said to have demanded a bribe of Rs.5,000 for good treatment, following which his relatives gave Rs.4,500 to him and promised to pay the balance Rs. 500 after treatment.

The acceptance of bribe by Dr. Shivakumar was video recorded by the relatives , which went viral later on. Deputy Commissioner Charulatha Somal taking serious note of the video, ordered suspension of Dr. Shivakumar and an enquiry on Wednesday.

State declares Black Fungus as a notifiable disease

- **MCC Pourakarmika succumbs; two patients from Chamarajanagar shifted to Mysuru**
- **Government yet to decide on who will bear the cost of treatment in Private Hospitals**

Mysuru, May 20 (RKB& BCT)- The number of mucormycosis or Black Fungus cases are mounting across the State, with districts reporting a rush of post-COVID fungal infections in the past few days. Mysuru has reported one more death yesterday and the first death had occurred on May 13, though the authorities were quick to deny it later though the doctors had confirmed it.

Two contract employees — frontline warriors — of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had contracted the disease and were admitted to K.R. Hospital and of them, one person died of Black Fungus.

The victim has been identified as 38-year-old Ravi, who was working as an ambulance driver in the MCC. MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag confirmed the cause of death in the case of Ravi as mucormycosis.

Another employee, Vinod, a fogging auto driver, too succumbed to COVID-19. He was also being treated for black fungus. "I was speaking to Ravi and he was recovering well. Sadly he died due to Black Fungus," Shilpa Nag told reporters.

"We will give Rs. 5 lakh compensation to the next of kin of those employees who die of the virus. As it was announced in the previous Budget, if permanent Pourakarmikas die, the Government will provide Rs. 30 lakh compensation to their dependents. Presently six Pourakarmikas are being treated for the virus and among them, four are in home isolation and two have been admitted at COVID Care Centre," Shilpa Nag said.

Two cases in Chamarajanagar

Meanwhile, Chamarajanagar also reported two Black Fungus cases and the patients have been shifted to K.R. Hospital. Reports from Chamarajanagar said that a 55-year-old from Kalanahundi in Chamarajanagar taluk, who was earlier admitted to a Private Hospital, and another 60-year-old person from Hangala in Gundlupet taluk, who was earlier admitted at a Government hospital, are said to be infected with Black Fungus.

These are the first two Black Fungus cases that have been reported from Chamarajanagar and patients have been sent to Mysuru only after confirming mucormycosis infection, said Chamarajanagar health authorities.

Cost of treatment

Though the State Government has identified a small network of hospitals in Karnataka including the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) to treat Black Fungus cases where the treatment is provided free of cost, the Government has not spelt out its strategy to treat the same disease in Private Hospitals.

The Government yesterday declared Black Fungus as a notifiable disease. A notifiable disease is any disease that is required by law to be reported to Government authorities. The collation of information allows the authorities to monitor the disease, and provides early warning of possible outbreaks.

The Government has mandated all Private Hospitals to report cases to the Department of Health and Family Welfare. The order also stated that no Private Hospital that has the facilities for treatment should refuse admission to any patient.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar had said the treatment for Black Fungus must be given for seven consecutive weeks and costs Rs. 2-3 lakh.

On who will bear the cost, Dr. Sudhakar said he would discuss with the Chief Minister the possibility of the State Government providing free treatment. While Private Hospitals charging anywhere between Rs. 4 to 6 lakh as a package for treatment of Black Fungus, the Government is yet to decide on the cost factor.

The treatment protocol says that Black Fungus-infected patients have to be put on antifungal therapy with either Liposomal Amphotericin-B or Amphotericin-B injections administered for a 14-21-day period. One injection dose of Amphotericin-B costs anywhere in the range of Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 9,000 and there is no word from the Government on the severe shortage of the drug.

COVID victim Pourakarmikas to be treated equally: Shivanna

Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman assures that Rs. 30 lakh will be paid to families as compensation

Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna making a point during a meeting with Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and other officers regarding the progress of COVID relief to frontline MCC workers.

Mysuru, May 20 (RKB&BCT)- Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna has said that he will ask the State Government to release compensation of Rs. 30 lakh each to the families of three Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) workers who succumbed to COVID-19.

He was speaking to reporters after meeting Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag and other officers regarding the progress of COVID relief to frontline MCC workers. "While only permanent workers will get Rs. 30 lakh as compensation in case of death as they have been considered as COVID Warriors, contractual staff would only get Rs. 5 lakh. I have asked the officials to send me a report so that I can take this up with the State Government and strive to get Rs. 30 lakh each for all workers irrespective of their job stature," he said.

All officials have been directed to sanction leave to Pourakarmikas and other workers in case they fall ill and they must not be forced to discharge their duties at any cost, he said. The MCC must provide PPE kits for all sanitation workers, labourers at cemetery and crematoriums and regularly conduct tests for their safety.

Shivanna sought reports from MCC on the condition of Pourakarmikas who have been infected, recovered and who are being treated and quarantined and also the facilities provided for them. He asked officials to furnish the list of wages paid to them, facilities like safety gears, ESI etc.

"We want to ensure that these Pourakarmikas do not miss any facilities and the local administrations will ensure that they will not leave out of their schemes," said Shivanna. He regretted that most of the Pourakarmikas do not wear PPE kits and also protection-like masks and boots.

Shivanna said that the condition of the Pourakarmikas whether they were engaged in UGD cleaning or other forms of labour, was pathetic and he will hold discussions with Slum Board Development authorities and Karnataka Housing Board personnel to ensure that they get decent accommodation facilities.

Pointing out that a medical test must be conducted on all cleaning staff and Pourakarmikas once in a fortnight in order to keep a tab on their health, he said that the District Administration should take measures for treatment of those Pourakarmikas who test positive for the Coronavirus. Also, the authorities must consider reducing working hours for Pourakarmikas in the wake of surge in COVID cases, he added.

He said that he would submit a proposal to the Government for a survey to get the exact number of Safai Karmacharis, including manual scavengers and abolish contractual system, making all of them permanent employees.

Shivanna said that MCC has launched a house-to-house health check-up survey for early detection and treatment of COVID patients. The purpose of this drive was to detect the virus in citizens and provide them treatment on time.

Early detection of virus helps in early starting of treatment and high recovery rate, he said and added that many do not show up any symptoms despite carrying the virus. Along with MCC personnel, ASHA workers are involved in the task.

COVID: 16 personnel of Forest Department die in as many days

Mysuru, May 20 (MTY&DM)- Even as Forest personnel are working round the clock to save our depleting forests, the Department has reported the death of its 16 personnel in as many days due to deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

The second wave of attack, which is more fatal than the outbreak last year, has claimed the lives of 16 Forest Department personnel in the last fortnight, including the one who died this morning.

The dead included an RFO and personnel serving as DRF, Forest Guard, Forest Watcher, Driver and Nursery staff, who all are on the frontline of duty.

While 4 of the dead are aged above 50 years, the rest are in the age group of 35-50 years. The death of such a significant number of Forest personnel in the second wave of COVID -19 has caused concern among senior officers of the Department.

Upset by the death of their fellow staff, lower rank personnel of the Department allege that IFS officers, most of whom are from outside the State, have failed to protect their interests.

The Department personnel have expressed their anger against the Government by posting a message saying that Safety is First and Duty is Next.

Meanwhile, the Forest Department Employees Association has written a letter to Forest Minister Aravind Limbavali, expressing concern about the rising number of deaths of staff. Expressing disappointment over the Government's inaction, it has questioned the measures taken by the Government for ensuring the health, safety and well-being of the Department personnel.

Urging the Govt. to declare Forest staff too as Corona Warriors, the Association demanded appropriate compensation to the families of the deceased employees who died of COVID.

'Public-Private-Partnership' COVID Hospital opens

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri along with Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra visited the Super-Speciality Hospital on KRS Road last evening and interacted with the doctors and staff of the new COVID Hospital.

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The Hospital will start functioning from today with 25 beds and the remaining 75 beds will be added in phases in the next 10 days. Automotive Axles-Kalyani Meritor HVS India has donated 100 hi-tech beds at an estimated cost of about Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 2.5 crore. As per the communication from the District Administration, initially, 30 ICU (Intensive Care Unit) beds and 40 HDU (High Dependency Unit) beds will be available and gradually scaled up to 100 beds.

Hospital visit

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri visited the Hospital last evening along with President and Executive Director of Meritor HVS India Dr. N. Muthukumar, Dr. H.V. Santhrupth, General Surgeon and Head of Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital, K.S. Gururaja, Founder Trustee, Ashakirana Trust, MMC&RI Dean Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj and Nodal Officer Dr. Mohan. This morning, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha visited the Hospital and examined the facilities. He interacted with the staff working there to set up the ICU, monitors and related critical care equipment.

In a statement, Rohini Sindhuri has said that in Mysuru there has been a persistent need to increase ICU beds and even at this juncture, there is a waiting line of 25 patients in oxygen beds to be shifted to ICUs.

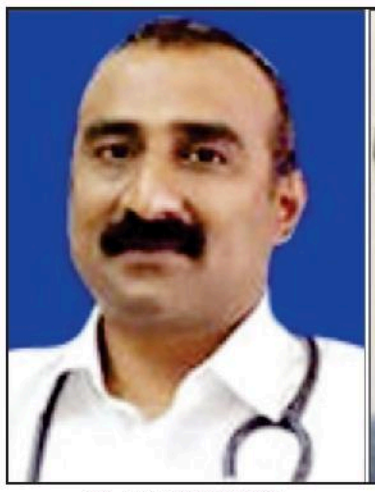
"The challenges have been manpower (specialists, doctors, nurses and Group D workers) and equipment. We are trying out this PPP model wherein doctors from Gopala Gowda Hospital have collaborated with the Super Speciality Hospital and MMC&RI to monitor the ICU care. This solves our manpower issue. Meritor Group's Dr. Muthukumar has supplied the ICU beds, BiPAP machines and monitors. This solves our equipment issue," she said.

"We have been working on this for the past 15 days and from May 20 (today), there will be 30 beds available and gradually will be increased up to 100 ICU beds. We hope that this will ease the demand for ICU beds in Mysuru. However, since people from neighbouring districts and Bengaluru too come to Mysuru in search for ventilators, this has been a constant struggle," DC Rohini Sindhuri added.

'We want to save lives'

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. H.V. Santhrupth said the Private and Public sectors have come together to save lives in Mysuru. "We at Gopala Gowda Hospital will provide doctors, nurses, intensivists and pulmonologists in coordination with MMC&RI. It is a noble initiative to save lives and the Government too has extended full support," he said.

K.S. Gururaja of Ashakirana Trust told *SOM* that the initiative took birth during a discussion with Dr. Santhrupth and Dr. Muthukumar. "We (Ashakirana) collaborated for vaccinating the public and we wanted to do more for Mysuru in critical times and Muthukumar volunteered to take over one entire floor of a hospital and supply beds and equipment and Dr. Santhrupth volunteered to provide medical care. We discussed the proposal with DC Rohini Sindhuri and this is becoming a reality now and we will have a full-fledged 100-bed advanced ICU facility on the fourth floor of the Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital," he said.



Dr. H.V. Santhrupth
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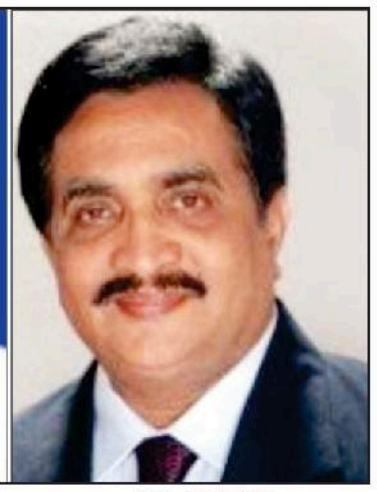

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Logistics and medical care management

Explaining the details further, Gururaja said that once the plan was formulated, equipment suppliers were contacted and all the logistics were worked out. "We have already appointed 14 doctors and nursing staff for the venture and the complete logistics management will be taken care by Ashakirana and the medical care will be provided by Gopala Gowda Hospital," he said.

Among the 100 beds, 40 will have ventilators and 60 will be oxygenated beds. "Seeing the initiative taking shape, Dr. Shyam, Dr. Sudhir and Dr. Sangeetha of Ashakirana Trust have come forward to donate beds and also serve the patients," he said.

Gururaja's son Varun Gururaja has been named the CEO of the venture between Ashakirana and Gopala Gowda Hospital. Ashok from Meritor is coordinating with the team. "Varun, who has a technology background, is looking after all the arrangements at the new hospital and he is also setting up the medical infrastructure by coordinating with sponsors, suppliers and also physically supervising the setting up of machines," he said.

Gururaja added that after the COVID pandemic is over, the Ashakirana Trust will coordinate with MMC&RI to take care of non-COVID patients at this hospital for five years. "We have conveyed this to the District Administration and we will serve the Super Speciality Hospital for five years," he said.

MP inspects Super-Speciality Hospital

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha inspecting the bed and oxygen facilities at the newly established Super Speciality Hospital on KRS road this morning.

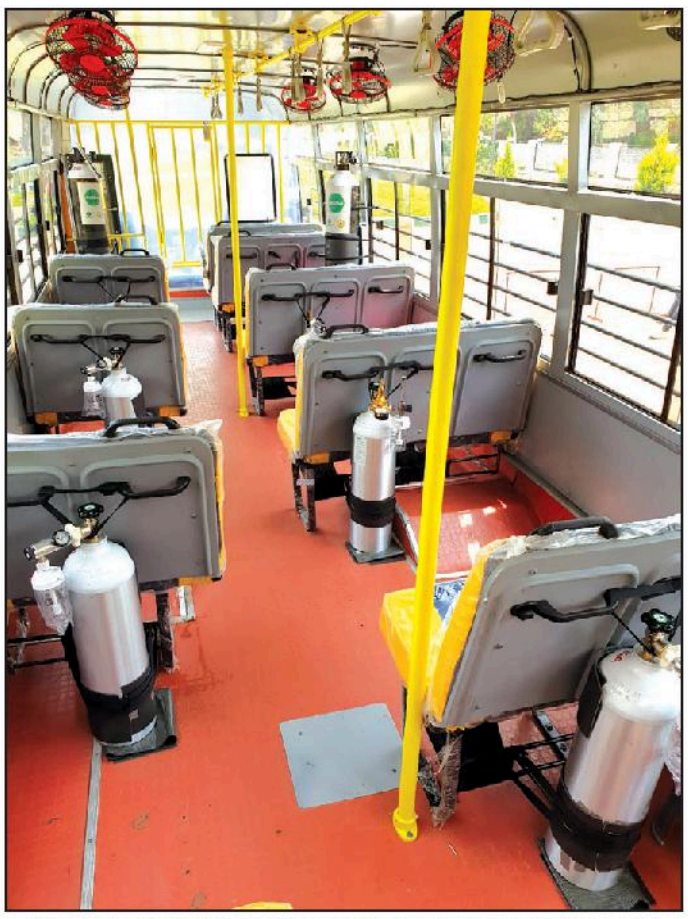
All eligible in Karnataka will be vaccinated by 2021: Health Minister

Bengaluru, May 20 (UNI)- Karnataka Government has set a target to vaccinate all those eligible in the State by November end, against Coronavirus.

Speaking to newsmen here, Minister for Health and Medical Education Dr. K. Sudhakar said, "Our major objective is to vaccinate each and everyone eligible by October end or November. All our efforts are in the direction of vaccinating every citizen by the end of the year."

He said the accomplishment of vaccination drive by the year end will include first and second doses to all.

Three 'OxyBuses' being readied by KSRTC at Bannimantap Depot



File photo of OxyBus that was launched in Bengaluru recently.

Mysuru, May 20 (MTY&DM)- In a bid to contribute in the battle against the deadly COVID-19 virus during the current second wave, the State-run KSRTC is converting three of its buses in Mysuru as 'OxyBus' also called as Oxygen Bus on wheels, meant for feeding oxygen to COVID patients who need the life-saving gas.

The KSRTC had contributed its mite during the Corona outbreak last year too, when it let out some of its buses for use as Mobile Fever Clinics and for sanitisation purposes in the city and district.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, KSRTC Mysuru Rural Division Divisional Controller K.H. Srinivas said that three buses of the Division are being converted into Oxygen Bus in Bannimantap depot.

Pointing out that each bus will have 20 to 28 seats fitted with oxygen cylinders, he said that the seats are so spaced to have enough manoeuvrability for patients.

He noted that once all the works related to installation of oxygen cylinders and other fitments are completed, the buses will be deployed at COVID Mitra Centres or at Testing centres based on the directions of the District Administration.

Highlighting the commitment of KSRTC in the ongoing COVID crisis, Srinivas said that the three buses will be ready in a couple of days and stationed at specified spots for use of patients who need oxygen.

16 COVID Care Centres shut

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The Mysuru District Administration will give the 16 COVID Care Centres one more chance to accumulate facilities, doctors and equipment.

"We have formed a Committee to oversee the facilities and if the Committee gives a satisfactory report, then these centres will be restarted with several conditions. The Committee has already started inspection of the facilities provided at all the COVID Care Centres," the DHO added.

MLA Ramdas reacts

MLA Ramdas told *SOM* that the 16 COVID Care Centres did not follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) laid down by the Government and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

"Myself and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who heads the District-level Task Force on COVID Bed Management, wore PPE kits and visited a couple of COVID Care Centres yesterday and we found them lacking in facilities. Some have converted the hotels into money-making business activity where one floor is allotted to one hospital and the other floor is allotted to another hospital. The guidelines do not allow this and it is a clear violation," he explained.

"The COVID Care Centres have to reserve 50 percent of beds to Government quota as they get funding from the Government. This has not been done and many of them indulged in unfair practices like bed-blocking in some private hospitals," he said.

Mogarahalli village sealed down as more than 60 test positive for COVID

Srirangapatna, May 20 (Vinay Karekura&KS)- Mogarahalli (Manti) village, coming under Hosahalli Gram Panchayat limits in the taluk, has been completely sealed down after more than 60 residents tested positive for COVID-19.

Tahsildar M.V. Roopa, Taluk Health Officer Dr. N.K. Venkatesh, Taluk Panchayat EO Bhyrappa, Revenue Inspector Umesh, PDO Chendil and GP Member Vishwa, along with ASHA workers, visited the village and got disinfectants sprayed to every street of the village with the help of Fire and Emergency Services personnel. The officials closed down every shop till Monday and restricted the movement of villagers.

Tahsildar Roopa said that COVID-19 was spreading very fast in the village since two days and the officials, to prevent the pandemic going out of control in the village, had urged to seal down the village. Accordingly, under National Disaster Management Act of 2005, the village has been declared as a Containment Zone, she added.

She instructed the officials to keep a hawk eye vigil over those entering and exiting the village, thermal screen each and every one at the village and prevent villagers from moving around unnecessarily.

Shielding against the deadly virus

Citizens aged above 45 years seen waiting to take their first dose of vaccine at Urban Primary Health Centre, Old Agrahara, Mysuru, this morning. Picture right shows Dr. Mahalakshmi of the Health Centre overseeing the vaccination drive.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
07326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily	Unreserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
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08118	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.05	Sunday	Fully reserved

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06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily	Unreserved
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02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

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06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	18.20	22.25	Daily	Unreserved
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01035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday	Fully Reserved
06225	Mysuru	Arsikere	10.15	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.25	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully Reserved
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Pourakarmika Association demands facilities on par with BBMP civic workers

Mysuru, May 20 (RKB&DM)-MCC Pourakarmika and Contract Pourakarmika Mahasangha has appealed Karnataka Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman Kote M. Shivanna to provide facilities to MCC Pourakarmikas on par with BBMP Pourakarmikas.

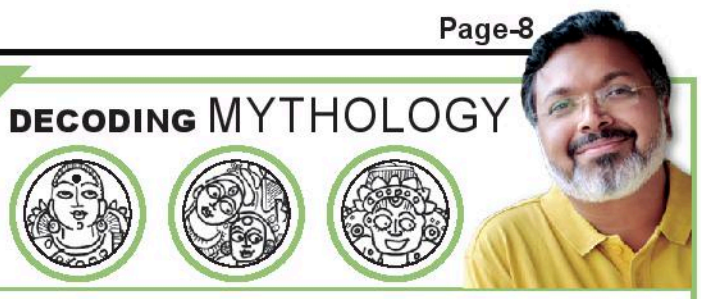
A delegation of the Mahasangha led by its President R. Ramesh met Shivanna at the MCC office here yesterday when he had come for a meeting to discuss Pourakarmika issues.

Pointing out that Pourakarmikas are Corona warriors, Ramesh said that the Commission must ensure availability of beds, oxygen and other medical facilities for the civic workers, who get admitted at COVID Hospitals. Urging for more transport facilities by increasing the number of buses to ferry Pourakarmikas, he said that there should be regular supply of breakfast and drinking water.

Welcoming the MCC's decision to announce Rs. 5 lakh relief to each of the two dead Pourakarmikas — Ravi and Vinod, he urged the Commission to follow up with the Government on providing more relief. He also demanded exclusive rest rooms for Pourakarmikas and UGD workers at mustering points.

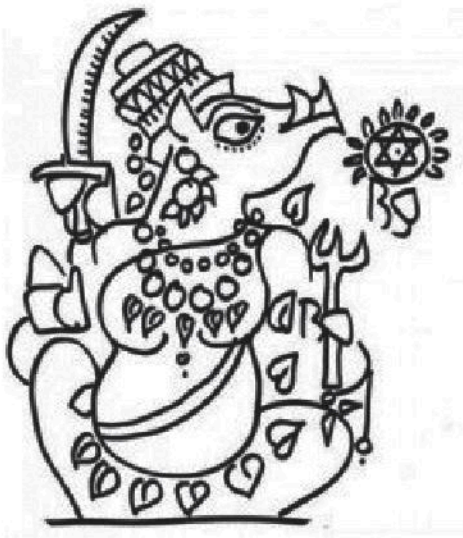
The Association office-bearers N. Mara, T. Srinivas, S.M. Palaniswamy, Kumaraswamy and others were present.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY



Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

The tantrik sow-Goddess



We have heard the story of how Vishnu takes the form of a wild boar, plunges into the waters, defeats an asura and raises the earth-Goddess on his snout and brings her back to the surface of the sea. This is Varaha, whose images adorn many Vishnu temples, though temples dedicated to Varaha are not very popular, except in certain parts of Andhra Pradesh. But what about a Goddess who is a sow, or a female pig? Varahi? When was the last time we heard about her?

Varahi is a Goddess described as having the head of a sow and pendulous breasts and pot belly and anywhere from two to six arms bearing many weapons, which includes a trident, a noose, a mace, a discus, who sometimes holds a child in her arms, and is often shown riding a buffalo. Varahi is worshipped usually at night, and offered fish and the blood sacrifice of male animals. She has no male consort. And this makes her a Tantrik Goddess, associated with fertility (hence the baby) as well as death (hence the buffalo). Her temples are few and far between. Some of the more popular ones are in Odisha, Varanasi, Chennai and Nepal. The temple in Chaurasi, Odisha, receives offering from the Jagannatha temple in Puri, a Vaishnava shrine that has always acknowledged a close relationship with Tantrik Shakta Goddesses.

Varahi is most popularly known as one of the many Matrika Goddesses, a female collective, often identified as the shaktis of male Gods, who emerge to support Durga in her battle with Raktabeeja. These Goddesses, Varahi included, drink the blood of the demon so that he cannot reproduce himself. Among the Matrikas, of which there are typically seven, Varahi appears fifth, and is therefore called Panchami. And there is an interesting reason for this. The Matrikas are commonly linked to the Devanagari alphabet and seven Matrikas embody the seven rows of consonants, with Varahi embodying the fifth, hence the sounds: pa, pha, ba, bha, ma.

In Vaishnava texts, Varahi is the shakti of Varaha. In Shakta texts, Varahi is the mother of Varaha. Varaha is always associated with the demure earth-Goddess while Varahi is fiercely independent. Varaha is worshipped with fruits and milk while Varahi is offered blood and meat and even alcohol. Varaha is part of the Vishnu pantheon and worshipped at daytime while Varahi and her Matrikas are typically worshipped in the night. This tendency of having a Varaha-like force and a Varahi-like counterforce to create a churn is what has enabled Hinduism to survive and thrive despite many historical challenges.

We live in times when Hinduism is being increasingly defined in puritanical terms: where celibacy is glorified, where non-vegetarian food and alcohol is viewed as bad, where female freedom is feared. These are times to remember Goddesses such as Varahi, who emerged as part of the Tantra challenge to puritanical Vedanta, and ensured humans have a more realistic rather than romantic view about sex, violence, life and death.

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JD(S) MLAs complain about

shortage of Oxygen in Mandya Hospitals

Mandya, May 20 (Mohan Raj)- With COVID caseload on the high in Mandya district, former Chief Minister and senior JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy held a video-conference with party Legislators from Mandya district on Monday.

Mandya MLA M. Srinivas, who was the first to speak with the former CM, complained about shortage of beds in MIMS (Mandya Institute of Medical Sciences) Hospital. Accusing the authorities of not meeting their assurance on increasing the number of beds by 150, Srinivas also complained about inadequate Oxygen supplies to the district.

He pointed out that the district was getting only 2 to 3 KL of Oxygen when the actual need is about 7KL. He appealed Kumaraswamy to raise the issue with the Government. The MLA also alleged that there were many lapses in testing and that the District Administration had drastically reduced testing in order to curtail figures.

Responding to the MLA, Kumaraswamy said that he was aware of shortage of beds and availability of Oxygen in the district. He lashed out at the DHO, who is on the verge of retirement, for failing to take necessary measures much in advance to ensure that COVID treatment issues are reduced to a minimal.

Maddur MLA D.C. Thammanna expressed concern over rapid spread of the virus in rural areas too. Contending that authorities seem to be reluctant to do testing on a large-scale, he alleged that vaccination has almost come to a standstill in the district.

Observing that influx from Bengaluru to villages had resulted in the spread of the virus, Thammanna said that barring sealdown of a few villages, no concrete measures have been taken to stem the spread of the virus.

Urging for appointment of Nodal Officers at the rural level, he wanted the authorities to directly admit people who test positive for COVID, to COVID Care Centres.

Responding to Thammanna, Kumaraswamy attributed the rapid spread of the disease due to the large number of industrial workers and other employed people who used to travel daily from Mandya to Bengaluru for work even when Bengaluru was reeling under the second wave of the attack.

Maintaining that the District Administration had failed in taking precautionary measures, he asked the MLA to keep the officials on tenterhooks for taking preventive and precautionary measures.

Malavalli MLA Dr. Annadani said that it is satisfactory to note that Mandya and Malavalli have got Oxygen plants. He appealed Kumaraswamy to keep in constant touch with the Government on expediting this Oxygen manufacturing project as it is very vital in this critical times.

Responding to Annadani, Kumaraswamy lauded the Malavalli MLA for singing and dancing along with COVID infected patients at a time when people chose to keep a safe distance from them. He further said that this will instill confidence among COVID affected patients.

After conversing with all the Legislators, the JD(S) leader asked them to concentrate on their health and the well-being of their family members. He also advised them to be always responsive to the plight of the people and also to ensure food and other essentials supplies to COVID-affected and other poor families.

Melukote MLA C.S. Puttaraju, Nagamangala MLA K. Suresh Gowda, Srirangapatna MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah and MLC Appajigowda took part in the video-conference.

Mega blood donation drive held

Group photo of Yi Mysuru team during the blood donation drive.

Mysuru, May 20- As per the guidelines issued by the National Blood Transfusion Council, one cannot donate blood for 28 days, after getting vaccinated, which may lead to an acute shortage of blood in the next two months.

While vaccination for all adults above 18 years of age has started in some States, the same has been stalled temporarily in Karnataka.

Keeping this in mind, CII-Young Indians Mysuru, Rotary Mysore and Terapanth Yuvak Parishad, supported by popular social media page Mysuru Memes, jointly organised a Mega Blood Donation Drive at Ideal Jawa Rotary School on May 12. The event was supported and attended by MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, Dy. Mayor Anwar Baig and MCC Health Officer Dr. Nagaraj.

Supported by Rotary Chandrakala Blood Bank, a total of 65 units were collected by members of these organisations and other voluntary donors from across the city as part of their continued support to the needy and nation building activities.

Nikhil P. Koundinya, Chapter Chair - Yi Mysuru, D. Ravi Shankar, Past Chair, Yi Mysuru, M.K. Kiran and members Sowmya Nikhil, Rahul SRS, Gagan Ranka, K.N. Suhas and Ramachandra also participated.

Teacher teams formed to clear doubts of SSLC students

Subject-wise teachers just a call away

Mysuru, May 20- With schools shut down due to COVID-19 crisis, the Department of Public Instruction has formed subject-wise teams of resource persons involving teachers from Government, aided and unaided schools, for helping SSLC students clear their doubts regarding lessons.

Following postponement of SSLC exams, the teachers are reaching out to their students through online platforms such as Google and Zoom for clarifying their doubts. Now as an objective, specific and qualitative approach, the Department has formed subject-wise teams for 6 SSLC subjects for the benefit of each student in all taluks of Mysuru district.

The teams of teachers will address any doubts or clarifications sought by the students over phone. The members of teams along with their phone numbers in the district are as follows:

FIRST LANGUAGE KANNADA

Anand (86609-34727) of Vinayakanagar Government High School, Mahadeva Prasad (94812-18684) of Metagalli Government High School, Nagaraj (94487-53565) of Government High School, Railway Workshop, Mysuru, Subbashetty (90363-00234) of K.R.Nagar Government PU College, Govinda (99004-45073), a teacher of Kupparavalli and Shivaraju (90601-01166), a teacher of Kampalapura.

SECOND LANGUAGE ENGLISH

Suma (89718-15577) of Karimuddanhalli Government PU College, Manjula (81479-53598) of Vinayakanagar Government High School, Asha (81973-34802) of Gopalapura Government High School, Salma (98805-48675) of Government High School, Railway Workshop, Vishwanath (87626-85717) of Heggadahalli Government High School and Anitha Manohari (96114-77780) of B.Seehalli Government High School.

THIRD LANGUAGE HINDI

Dr. Viji (94483-90830) of Vontikoppal Government High School, G.S. Veena (97311-38273) of Adarsha Vidyalaya, Javeed (70197-55061) of Bachegowdanahalli Government High School, Rashmi (99864-18413) of Bherya Government PU College, Jayakumar (99458-24073) of Mutthur Government High School and Vijay Kumar (99016-74939) of Yedadore Government High School.

MATHEMATICS

Ravikumar (72046-78550) of Dornahalli's St. Anthony School, C.B. Arunkumar (94482-08750) of Kallur Naganahalli Government High School, Sharada (94498-00176) of Talalu M.C. Government High School, Sudeep (94484-73130) of Kuvempunagar School, Diana Juliet (94806-15071) of Hirikyathanahalli Government High School and Harsha (99722-61802) of Hedathale Government High School.

SCIENCE

Shivakumar (94497-91026) of Panchavalli Government High School, Nelwin (94814-37625) of Vinayakanagar Government High School, Badari Narayan (86604-82629) of Yerahalli Government High School, Shilpashri Shedthi (86189-42686) of Maduvinahalli Government High School, Prabhulingaswamy (97402-82874) of Menasikyathanahalli Government High School and Praveen (99162-66070) of Dharmapura Government High School.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

T.K. Lalitha (98864-47017) of DMG Halli Government High School, Raghavendra (97407-01904) of Vyasarajapura Government High School, Cheluvaraju (99863-90251) of Savve Government High School, Swamy (91414-51445) of Attigodu Government High School, Manjunath (95382-79818) of Gandhanahalli Government High School and Lingaraju (99024-22724) of Gavadagere KPS School.

All students of Mysuru District who have registered for the SSLC exam are asked to make best use of the service of teachers in all subjects, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Deep-six

Pronunciation: DEEP-SIKS
Meaning: To get rid of : discard, eliminate; to throw overboard.
Origin: Before the introduction of ship-board sonar, water depth was measured by hand with a sounding line. This was generally a rope weighted at one end, with bits of leather called marks tied on at intervals to measure the fathoms. Between the marks, fathoms were estimated by deeps. The leadsman (pronounced LEDZ-mun) lowered the line into the water and called out the depth as the rope passed through his hands: "By the mark twain!" at two fathoms; "By the deep six!" at six fathoms. Perhaps due to an association with "six feet under" (dead and buried), to give something the deep six (or to deep-six it) was to throw it overboard, or, by extension, to discard it. In the mid-20th century, deep-six made landfall; since then it has been used as much by landlubbers as by old salts.
Example: Citing budget concerns, the city council announced that it has deep-sixed plans to repave the city's bike trails.

THE ODD WORD

Dactylography

The study of fingerprints.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Don't look a gift horse in the mouth

Meaning: If someone says "don't look a gift horse in the mouth," it means that when you receive a gift, do not be ungrateful.
Origin: Unfortunately, the origin of the proverb "don't look a gift horse in the mouth" is unclear. However, it might have come from a time where, after receiving a horse as a gift, people would literally look into the horse's mouth. This was considered a rude thing to do, but why is that? And for that matter, why would someone look into the mouth of a horse?
The reason is because a horse's age can be determined by inspecting its teeth. Basically, the longer the teeth, the older the horse. Thus, looking a gift horse in the mouth could be considered rude because the person is essentially examining the horse to see how old it is—it might be so old that they don't even want it. But the horse was a gift, so should they be so picky?
While we can mostly just speculate about its origin, it might be that this ungrateful behaviour people displayed after receiving a gift horse was common enough that this proverb developed from it. Anyways, this proverb goes back to at least the 16th century. For example, John Heywood used it in a book of his called A dialogue conteinyng the nomber in effect of all the prouerbes in the englishe tongue, 1546: "Where gifts be given freely—east, west, north or south—No man ought to look a given horse in the mouth."

QUOTE BOX

I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion. **—Alexander the Great**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer : The power behind the throne.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Box in practice
5 Fairy tale writer ___ Christian Andersen
9 Frequency unit
12 At this place
13 Musical composition, usually on sacred themes
15 Noted times
16 Contagious skin disease
17 Post-mortem?
19 Desire or long for
20 Put a light to
21 Fast dance music
23 Jack
26 Thinker of great thoughts hopefully, abbr. (2,1)
27 Catch or ensnare
28 A well-known river of Yorkshire
29 Apiary insect
30 African country Burkina __
31 Female sibling, in short
32 Soak in water
33 Under strain
34 "Abel is" turning into a girl?
36 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
37 As soon as possible, acronym
38 Receding or ebbing
42 Case
44 Mountain range
45 A cutting tool
46 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (UK)
47 Female of the domestic fowl
48 Small and sweet
49 The Biblical Garden

DOWN

1 Butter-like extract from African tree's seeds
2 Lima is its capital city
3 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
4 Determination
5 Lift
6 Battle group
7 Take short sleep?
8 Boiled slowly
9 Ramesh or Ramnathan of Indian tennis
10 His ____ : formal address for the king?
11 Animal house
14 Of the ear
18 Bakery offering
21 Definite article
22 Oklahoma Indian
23 Tributary of Ganges
24 Pest or irritation
25 Murderer
26 A favourite
29 Ten decibels?
30 Facial characteristic?
32 Meal
33 Singing syllable
35 Belfry denizens
36 Extremely fat
38 A measure of land
39 Angered or angry, poetically speaking?
40 Indicate or identify
41 ___ Turner : Kiwi batsman married to an Indian girl?
42 "Like" suffix
43 Immediately

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

L	B	S	■	C	H	E	Z	■	K	A	I	F
E	A	T	■	H	A	K	E	■	U	G	L	Y
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E	I	A	■	R	U	R	A	L	■	L	I	N
A	D	L	I	B	■	A	R	I	Z	O	N	A
R	O	S	T	O	V	■	E	C	O	■	■	■
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S	A	U	L	■	A	N	T	I	M	O	N	Y
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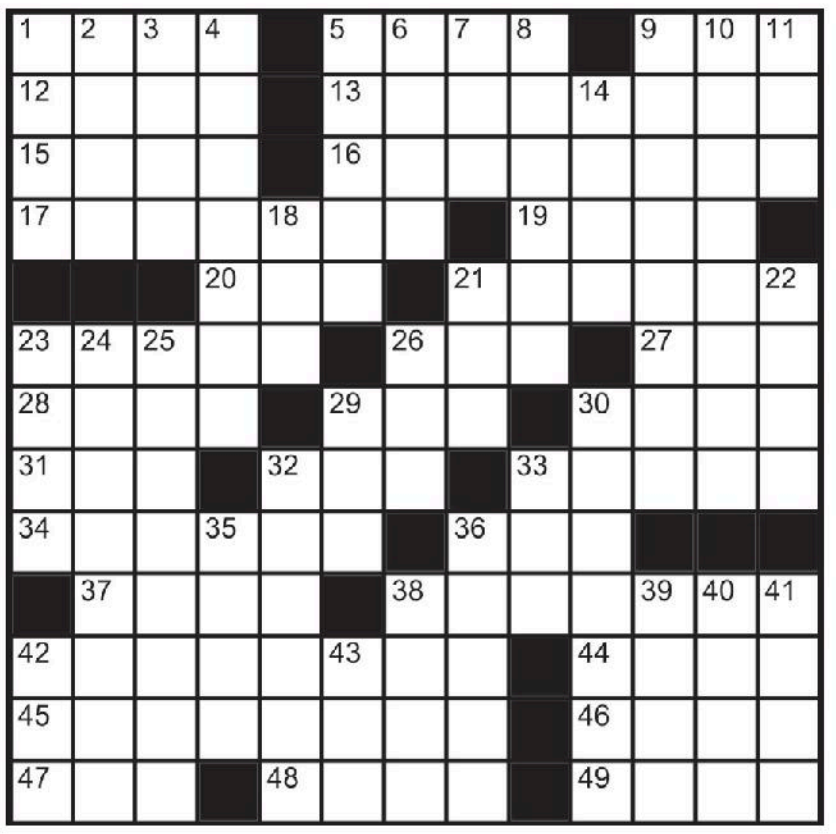

SUDOKO

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	4						7	
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1	2			6		9		
5					8			7
		4						

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	3	7	5	9	8	6	1
8	5	7	6	3	1	9	4	2
1	6	9	8	2	4	7	3	5
3	9	8	1	4	2	6	5	7
7	1	6	5	8	3	4	2	9
5	4	2	9	8	7	3	1	8
9	7	4	3	1	5	2	8	6
6	3	1	2	7	8	5	9	4
2	8	5	4	9	6	1	7	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

L IBQC DCBFWN VLDCWYC TFJS NIC NBDEBNLQC, NJDCFBNLJW

TFJS NIC LWNJDCFBWN, BWK ELWKWCVV TFJS NIC PWELWK;

RCN VNFBWMC, L BS PWMFBNCTPD NJ NICVC NCBYICFV.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Science is a differential equation. Religion is a boundary condition.

Organisations, individuals continue to help the distressed during pandemic

MLA S.A. Ramdas and Corporator Dr. Roopa distributing clothes to those sheltered at CITB Choultry at Siddarthanagar here on Tuesday as others look on.

Mysuru, May 20 (KS) - Organisations, associations and indi-viduals are continuing to help the poor patients and the needy by donating food, medicines, medical kits, medical equipment to be used and distributed among the needy and also starting various initiatives to help the distressed in COVID times.

On Tuesday, MLA S.A. Ramdas along with Corporator Dr. Roopa launched a drive to distribute medical kits to those in home isolation at their doorsteps. Ramdas, accompanied by members of the Task Force which he heads and ASHA Workers, Health Department staff, MCC and Police personnel, visited some of the houses of home isolated patients at Siddarthanagar and distributed medical kits to them. White flags were also put up in front of the houses of home isolated patients as an indication and the space around such houses were sanitised. Clothes were distributed to about 30 destitutes, who have been sheltered at CITB Choultry in Siddarthanagar.

Rane (Madras) Ltd., Mysuru, under its CSR initiative donated 1,000 home isolation medical kits to the District Administration recently. The kits were handed over by Deputy General Manager of Rane (Madras) S. Sharavanan to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag. Sharavanan said that Home Isolation Kits worth about Rs. 3 lakh was donated following a request by the District Administration and added that the organisation will continually support this kind of activities by joining hands with the State Government.

Yashtel TV Channel Head Manjunath has started an initiative to provide oxygen concentrators to needy patients. A 12-member team of youths has been formed for the service, who, apart from installing the equipment, will guide the patients on its handling. The service was launched by MLA Nagendra recently. Yashtel has launched the service in association with Care Social Foundation under the banner of V-Care, Mysuru. DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital's Dr. H.V. Santhrupth, K.R. Hospital faculty Dr. Yogesh and others were present on the occasion.

For details and to avail service, call Mob: 98457-59434, 90087-20156 or 96209-84019.

Syed Abbas, Chairman of ABS Group handed over oximeters, PPE kits, paracetamol tablets and COVID related medicines to Dr. Manjunath of K.R. Hospital and Stores In-charge Ravi at K.R. Hospital recently. Nasir, proprietor of A2Z Super Market, Syed Umar of ABS Group, Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed, Thasin, Mohammed Nawaz and Syed Saleem were also present.

Naveen Lobo and Jini Lobo family of 'Santvana Community,' residing at Srirampura, prepared 300 packets of food and distributed the same at K.R. Hospital recently. The family has been providing food on every Sunday afternoon to around 320 to 350 needy people in the vicinity of K.R. Hospital, Sub-Urban Bus Stand and on various roads.

The family is also serving food at the District Hospital and K.R. Hospital twice a week. The cost of food preparation is funded by their friends who also help them to prepare, pack and distribute the food to the needy people.

*From left: **Rane Madras Limited DGMs K. P. Vijay Kumar and S. Sharavanan seen handing over the relief materials to MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag recently as MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Manager K. Sagar and B. Manasa from Rane (Madras) Ltd. Mysuru, look on.***

MLA L. Nagendra seen after launching the free Oxygen Concentrator service to needy patients in city as Yashtel TV Channel Head Manjunath and others look on.

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Naveen Lobo and Jini Lobo family of 'Santvana Community' seen distributing food packets to the needy in city.

COVID Home Test Kit gets approval

The home test should be conducted according to an app that can be downloaded from the Google Play and Apple store

New Delhi, May 20 (Agencies)- Rapid Antigen Kits to conduct COVID test at home got a green signal on Wednesday and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) — the nodal body in the fight against the virus — has issued guidelines on who can use it and how.

ICMR has approved the self-test rapid antigen COVID-19 testing kit 'CoviSelf' developed by Mylab Discovery Solutions. Using the kit people can collect their own nasal swab and check results within minutes. This will immensely help in early and

quick detection which is key to the treatment.

The ICMR has made it clear that only symptomatic individuals and immediate contacts of people who tested positive in the laboratory should use the home test. "Indiscriminate testing is not advised," the top medical body said.

"All individuals who test positive may be considered as true positives and no repeat testing is required... All symptomatic individuals who test negative by RAT should get themselves immediately tested by RT-PCR," the ICMR said.

The CoviSelf TM (PathoCatch) COVID-19 OTC Antigen LF device was created by the Pune-based Mylab Discovery Solutions Ltd. The home test should be conducted according to the process detailed in an app, which should be downloaded from the Google Play store and Apple store, the ICMR said.

"The mobile app is a comprehensive guide of the testing procedure and will provide a positive or negative test result to the patient. All users are advised to click a picture of the test strip after completing the test procedure with the same mobile phone," the ICMR said.

The data from the phone will be centrally captured in a secure server which is connected with the ICMR COVID-19 testing portal, where all data will be eventually stored.

Russian vaccine 'Sputnik-V' to be 'Made in Karnataka'

Bengaluru, May 20 (SSV)- The world's first COVID vaccine, Sputnik-V invented by Russia will be manufactured in Karnataka, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Speaking to media here yesterday, he said talks were going on in this regard at the highest level. Once talks are finalised, the Sputnik-V vaccine will be manufactured in the State.

On delay in vaccination of people in the age group of 18 to 44 years, the Minister said that order has been placed for 2 crore doses of Covishield vaccines from Serum Institute, out of which 9.5 lakh doses have been already supplied. Those aged above 45 are being given first and second doses on priority. So far, the Government of India has provided 1,11,26,340 doses vaccine to Karnataka. The State has procured 9.50 lakh doses of Covishield vaccine and 1,44,170 doses of Covaxin. In total, 1,22,20,510 doses of vaccines have been received in the State and 1,13,61,234 doses have been administered.

"We are planning to provide vaccine to all by the end of November. Bharat Biotech also assured to provide vaccine at the earliest. Sputnik is also going to be manufactured in our State and the process will speed up in the coming days, said Dr. Sudhakar.

Good recovery rate

He said it was good news that as many as 58,395 people have recovered yesterday. With this, 16,74,487 people have recovered so far in the State. People should not get panic as the fatality is still below 1 percent, he added.

DST develops new RT-PCR kit to detect COVID-19 new strains

New Delhi, May 20 (PIB)- The **Department of Science & Technology (DST)** institute has developed a new multiplex RT-PCR kit with novel gene targeted to facilitate detection across various mutant strains of COVID-19.

This unique RT-PCR kit will be a significant weapon in our fight against COVID-19 by a facile detection of SARS-CoV-2 mutations, said Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST.

As the pandemic is going through a second wave with multiple variants, the selection of target genes in multiplex RT-PCR assay has become critical for accurate detection of the virus. Even though Coronaviruses make far fewer errors than other RNA viruses, the mutations in S, R, and N genes often interfere with RT-PCR assay. The new multiplex RT-PCR kit developed by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), an Institute of National Importance under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India targets two SARS CoV2 genes: RdRp and ORFb-nsp14, and the human RNAse P gene as the internal control to help detect a range of mutant strains.

Various studies have shown that RdRp and ORF1b-nsp14 genes are more sensitive in detecting COVID-19. In order to target the multiple variants in the second wave, using two highly accurate confirmatory genes like RdRp and ORF-nsp14, can give precise results. The ORFb-nsp14 is one of the least mutated genes in COVID-19 and currently, there are no kits in the market with ORF-nsp14 as the target.

The new kit is based on multiplex Taqman chemistry, amplifying all three genes in a single reaction. The amplification time for the assay is 45 minutes, apart from the time required for the RNA isolation from nasopharyngeal swab samples. Multiplexing two confirmatory genes will help shortlist possible new variants if one of the genes fails to amplify and can be marked for sequence analysis.

ICMR has validated this kit at the National Institute of Virology, Pune, and found that it has 97.3% sensitivity and 100% specificity in COVID-19 detection.

SCTIMST has signed a non-exclusive license MoU with Huwel Lifesciences, Hyderabad, to commercialise the kit.

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